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Applicant : Nadeepuram Kuppana Ranganathan, et al.  
Application No. : 09/537,738  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 23, 2003, please amend the above identified specification as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

21. (amended) A replaceable ink container assembly for use in an ink jet printer, the ink container assembly comprising:
- a container configured to hold ink;
- a first coupling component of a duplex coupler formed to the container, the duplex coupler having a poppet configured to discontinue flow through the duplex coupler when the duplex coupler is uncoupled; and
- wherein the first coupling component is configured to mate with a complimentary second coupling component of a reservoir of the ink jet printer, so as to mitigate leakage of ink.